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October 16, 2003

The Honorable Everett Alvarez, Jr.  
Chairman  
Capital Assets Realignment for Enhanced Services Commission  
Department of Veterans Affairs  
810 Vermont Avenue, NW  
Washington, D.C. 20420

Dear Chairman Alvarez:

I am writing to express my concern about the possible closure of the Waco Veterans Affairs Medical Center. This facility provides vital services to veterans all across Central Texas that cannot be duplicated. Accessibility to veterans' services is critical and should not be diminished.

As a veteran of the United States Air Force, and as the son of a World War II veteran, I very much appreciate the dedication and sacrifice of the men and women of the military. Therefore, I ask for your careful consideration of my request as you make this difficult decision.

Thank you for your service to our great nation.

Sincerely,

A large, stylized handwritten signature of Rick Perry in black ink.

Rick Perry  
Governor

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cc: The Honorable Kip Averitt